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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/032,893
Filing Date	February 27, 1998
First Named Inventor	Bieser et al.
Art Unit	1428
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other - Courtesy Copy of Pending Claims

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

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